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Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the notice mailed July 17, 2001 (remailed January 31, 2002), with a shortened one month period to respond.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including May 31, 2002, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Response.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 18, please rewrite the paragraph beginning on line 5 as indicated in the accompanying clean and marked-up versions: